

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Vivian Chen

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the after-final amendment filed 1/2/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 28,30,34-51,55 and 56.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached.
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. **Reasons for Examiner's Amendment**

Claim 36 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error, as evident from the claims presented in the Amendment filed 7/17/2003.

Claims 30, 34, 35, 36, 38, 40-45, 48-49, 56 have been amended to correct the status identifiers to the designated term "previously presented".

3. **The application has been amended as follows:**

In claim 30,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to --Presented--.

In claim 34,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to

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--Presented--.

In claim 35,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to

--Presented--.

In claim 36,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to

--Presented--;

line 2, "auxiliary agent" has been changed to --catalyst--.

In claim 38,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to

--Presented--.

In claim 40,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to

--Presented--.

In claim 41,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to

--Presented--.

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In claim 42,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to
--Presented--.

In claim 43,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to
--Presented--.

In claim 44,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to
--Presented--.

In claim 45,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to
--Presented--.

In claim 48,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to
--Presented--.

In claim 49,

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line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to
--Presented--.

In claim 56,

line 1, in the status identifier, after "(Previously", "Amended" has been changed to
--Presented--.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest methods of corrosion-proofing metal substrates using the recited bond coating consisting essentially of at least one adhesion-conferring polymer, and products formed thereby, wherein said polymer(s) are selected from the recited polybismaleimide materials. Specifically, SUGIO ET AL, LIENERT ET AL, SUZAKI ET AL, and NG each disclose coating compositions containing significant organic components other than polybismaleimide polymers.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vivian Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1506. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Thibodeau, can be reached on (571) 272-1516. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

The General Information telephone number for Technology Center 1700 is (571) 272-1700.

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